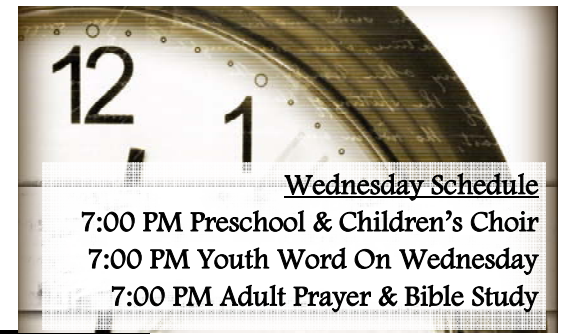


**Sunday Schedule**

- 8:15 AM Morning Worship
- 9:30 AM Sunday School
- 10:30 AM Morning Worship
- 4:30 PM Choir Practice
- 5:00 PM FAITH Prayer Team
- 6:00 PM Evening Worship

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4 <i>Independence Day Fellowship at CBA</i>	5 <i>Deacon's Mtg 7pm</i>	6 <i>Ballet Ministry</i>	7	8 <i>Preschool &amp; Children's Day Trip to Coolidge Park for picnic 10 am</i>	9	10
11	12	13 <i>Kingdom Heirs Ballet Ministry</i>	14	15	16	17
<b>Vacation Bible School</b>						
18 <i>VBS Commencement/Family Night</i>	19 <i>Food Pantry</i>	20 <i>Preschool &amp; Children Movie at the Depot 10:15 am Ballet Ministry</i>	21 <i>Leadership Team Mtg 6 pm</i>	22 <i>Preschool &amp; Children's Day Trip Fire Station tour</i>	23 <i>Youth Friday Night Lights Movie Night at the church 6-9 PM</i>	24
25	26	27 <i>Ballet Ministry</i>	28 <i>Youth Sonic Sundaes after church</i>	29	30	31 <i>Youth Back to School Pool Party Camp Scott Patterson 4-7 pm</i>

- ANNIVERSARIES**
- 1 Matt & Tammie Shoemaker
  - 6 Lynn & Becky Winston
  - 12 Bill & Susan Englund
  - 21 Sammy & Michelle Simmons
  - 22 Tony & Donna Jones
  - 22 Tommy & Brenda Robertson
  - 22 Jay & Libby Kennedy
- BIRTHDAYS**
- 2 Jake Krajesky
  - Ivonne Santoyo
  - 3 Sheri Scoggins
  - 5 Cindy Hullender
  - 6 Sammy Simmons
  - 9 Jeff Yauman
  - David Schaub
  - 11 Jacy Tinker
  - Rex Clady
  - 12 Stephen Hemphill
  - 13 Melinda McNish
  - 14 Brenda Elliott
  - Stephen Guinn
  - 15 Tonya Rogers
  - 17 Dwan Adekoya
  - 18 Junior Cox
  - 19 Thelma Capehart
  - 20 Charles Thornton
  - 22 Miles Teems
  - Jasper Martin
  - 24 Betty Miller
  - 25 Rose Hollingsworth
  - 26 Debbie Farrow
  - Michele McClure
  - Sadie Lane
  - Glynda Woods
  - 27 Lori Herbert
  - 28 Mitchell Parker
  - Beverleigh Sullivan
  - 29 Rebecca Brindle
  - 31 Harold Gilbert

# Youth & Children

Church family,  
As many of you know I have recently been diagnosed with Stage 1 Hodgkins Lymphoma A (a rare and hard to detect but readily curable cancer). I will begin radiation treatment soon with a very good prognosis of complete cure and very few side effects from treatment. I know many of you have been praying for me and my family. I want to tell you we feel those prayers in the peace and strength of the Holy Spirit, which He has granted to us during this trial. Thank you and continue to pray for my treatment and recovery. However, I want to try to point out that this "crisis" is not about cancer and it is surely not about me, but it is all about a Loving and Just Heavenly Father who allows and uses these fiery trials in our lives to reveal His love, comfort and plan for our lives. The cancer is really not worthy of worry, and anytime we (as believer's) raise a "crisis" above our Savior then that is idolatry, so as you pray for us during your prayer time seek ways to focus on the greatness of our Worthy God and remember that His will and plans are perfect for all men who will call on His name and live for Him. Whenever a tragedy or disease strikes we always want to ask "Why?". Asking why is not necessarily wrong, however if we ask the question we must be prepared for an answer from a Holy God! Why does God allow suffering? I want to reveal 3 things God showed me in Scripture while I have been traveling on this road less traveled (PTL). God bless you church as you live for God, even in the event of suffering continue keeping everything in the focus of eternity.

## Why Suffering? The Anvil of Christianity

**1. Jesus suffered for sin (of the whole world) [Gen 3 - John 3:16-17]**  
As we follow Jesus example we become more like Him in glorifying the Father to the watching World. John Piper, a pastor who has known his share of suffering states, "God's Purpose of Creation was to display the greatness and glory of His grace supremely in the suffering of His Son!"

**2. We suffer because of the will of God to be glorified through His grace during the suffering. (Philippians 1:29)**  
29 "For it has been granted to you that for the sake of Christ you should not only believe in him but also suffer for his sake,"

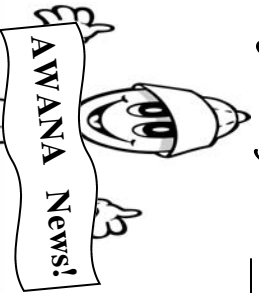
**3. The Anvil of Righteousness: This is the action & reaction required by God in the life of a believer during suffering. God desires change for His purpose!**  
(Romans 8:18-28- key verses 18,24-28)

A. Hope: We have hope in Christ no matter the crisis or trial we face here. (v.24)  
B. Holy Spirit's Power: We are empowered and comforted by the Holy Spirit during the trial, a comfort nothing in the world can compare. (v.25-27)

C. Higher Calling: We are called to suffer if we live for Christ in this groaning world. (v.28) The promise of Scripture is that the suffering, whatever form we face in this life will ultimately be for our good, in the short term or long term it will develop in us a perseverance and righteousness we cannot imagine here but will one day understand in eternity! As we think about suffering, my prayer is that in my life as well as in yours that the cancer( or event of suffering) would never be elevated above the worship of our Sovereign God who is keenly aware of our trial and is involved in the peace & comfort, redemption and perseverance during the trial. (James 1:2-4)

God is enough!

*Pastor Johnny*



AWANA

resumes Wednesday,  
August 18th  
at 6:30 pm!

**Preschool & Children's Day Trip to Coolidge Park**  
for a picnic on  
Thursday, July 8th at  
10 am. Cost is variable,  
for carousel and lunch if  
you plan to purchase at  
the park.

**Preschool & Children's Day Trip**  
to the Fire Station on  
Thursday, July 22nd.  
Check the bulletin  
for more details to  
follow!

**Preschool & Children's Day Trip**  
to the Ringgold Depot  
for a movie! Meet at  
the church at 10:15  
am on Tuesday, July  
20th.



Friday, July 23rd  
Movie Night  
at the church from  
6—9 pm.  
Cost: \$1 person



**Youth Sonic Sundaes**

Wednesday, July 28th  
at 8 pm. Cost \$3 each

